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TOURISM & CULTURE (TOURISM) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 2nd March, 2017

No. 2863/TSM.— The State Government have issued guidelines to regulate the visit of foreign tourists/ researchers to the areas inhabited and frequented by the particularly vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) such as Bondas, Dangaria Kandhas and other such communities vide Tourism Department letter No.2593/TSM., dated the 25th February, 2012 and No.8599, dated the 26th July, 2013. A committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Government Home Department has been constituted to examine and suggest for revision of the existing guidelines. As per the decision taken in the committee meeting held on 17th December, 2015 and communicated vide Home Department Letter No. 4125, dated the 2nd February, 2016, the Government have been pleased to decide that following guidelines should be followed by the tour operators / excursion agents/ foreign tourists/ researchers to visit the PVTGs areas in supersession of the previous guidelines issued by Tourism Department vide Letter No.2593/TSM., dated the 25th February, 2012 and No.8599, dated the 26th July, 2013.

1. All the areas except the villages stated in the list of *Annexure 'A'* are free for movement of foreign nationals. No special permission is required to visit these areas.
2. Use of services of tourist guides trained by SC & ST Development Department in restricted areas is mandatory. The contact details of the approved trained Guides has been uploaded in website www.visitodisha.org .
3. Tourists & tour operators should respect the local tradition and they should not indulge in any activity that would be detrimental to the social and culture interests of these communities, like making them dance for a photo click and like.

4. Tourist are free to take Photographs of the surroundings and in case they want to take photo of any individual or group of member of tribal/ PVTGs then verbal consent should be taken.
5. Camping / Tented accommodation shall be allowed in designated areas.
6. Relevant information & advisory to the tourists will be displayed through Department Portal and other Official Website from time to time (visit Odisha.org & Odishatourism.gov.in).

ORDER

Ordered that the Notification be published in an Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies thereof may be forwarded to the all Departments of Government/ D.G. & I.G. of Police / all R.D. Cs/ all Collectors/ all SPs/ all TOs/ MD OTDC/ Chairman HRAO/ President TAAO/ President OTOA/ IATO Odisha Chapter.

By Order of the Governor

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